

***TIPPECANOE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2010***

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council members present were: Chairman Garry Smith, Captain Mike Frances, Captain John Withers, Dave Reagan, Carroll Shelby, and Perry Martin. Also present were Director Mark Kirby and Secretary Kay Muse.

Director's Report

- Budget-Director Mark Kirby stated that all accounts zeroed out except for garage account, \$1,200 for gas. Reduction in all but two, utilities, and telephone went up. All others flat or down. Rising cost of fuel stabilized.
- Relocation-Director Kirby stated that if TEMA relocates, there will be cost that are not currently budgeted. Commissioners will make funds available to cover increased utility cost.
- New Facility-Director Kirby stated there was no new information on the new facility. He added that he had submitted a list of repairs that included a second oversized garage door, repair leak in roof, and replacing carpet; that need to be done before moving in.
- Lease Approval-Director Kirby stated the relocation of TEMA will be discussed at the January 16, 2010 Commissioners' Meeting.
- Santa- Santa came in on lifeline helicopter with out any issues.
- MOC-Director Kirby stated the satellite dish was still having some issues. He added that he had recently returned from Illinois to get it reprogrammed.
- Flu Clinic's-TEMA's involvement is decreasing.
- SHSP Grant- Director Kirby announced the County has been approved for a \$80,000 SHSP Grant. He added this would be used to purchase a new wireless video /data communication system for the City of Lafayette, which will be linked, to West Lafayette and Purdue Campus.
- Sirens-Director Kirby stated several sirens not functioning due to cold temperatures. He added that perhaps sirens not be tested during extreme temperatures. Mr. Kirby reported that there is some discussion of Purdue being TEMA's back up for siren activation; he added this would be an advantage for TEMA.
- Generators-Director Kirby stated the new facility is not wired for emergency generators.

HAZMAT

- Deputy Director Tim Batta reported no HAZMAT responses in the last month.

AIR PATROL

- Dave Reagan reported that Civil Air Patrol (air clean) is back together. The 182 has been reassigned, adding we do have 172 is still in area. He added that Frankfort is bringing up a squadron that will possibly have aircraft capability. The Communications system is down due to the fact it does not meet new federal specifications. The new system is hung on the state police tower. The radio itself has not been installed; someone from Alabama will be doing that. Mr. Reagan stated that our communication with air patrol is not very active at this time. He added he does not have a completion date at this time. Mr. Reagan reported that aircraft with deorable computer systems is being moved around the state. Ground Teams are gearing up for another training session at Camp Atterbury.
- Mr. Reagan added that he would be meeting with Jeff Finlay in the SW District to try to determine if needs are being met.
- Director Kirby reported the state radio system IPSIC is withholding I.D. numbers to TEMA; he added this is due to a limited amount of I.D. numbers.

COMMENTS

- Dave Reagan stated how valuable volunteers are to the County. He added volunteers should be considered when making decisions.
- Chairman Garry Smith stated that he would like to move forward with a texting system. He added this would be a valuable tool in an emergency situation. Director Kirby stated the Sheriff has begun efforts to get a system in place. Carroll Shelby added the NIXLE system is a opt in system. Ms. Shelby added that this is a viable program but cannot replace the current system. Captain Mike Francis volunteered to meet with Sheriff Brown, Chief Cox, and Lafayette Police Chief Don Roush to discuss this issue.

Chairman Garry Smith moved to adjourn.